



Awarding funds from
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY®

BDCVS Meet the Funders

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Arts Council England: a bit about us

We are the national
development agency
for **creativity** and
culture.

We distribute funding
to **individuals, arts
organisations,
libraries, and
museums**.



Joss Arnott Dance
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National Lottery Project Grants

What is it?

National Lottery Project Grants is



- our open-access funding programme for **arts, museums and libraries** projects
- our most popular programme - funded by the National Lottery

What is a project?



- a **Project** has a **start and end date**, and steps to **achieve** in that time
- allows people to **experience or take part** in artistic work, museum-focused work, or libraries-related activity
- involves one or more of our **supported disciplines**

Activities you can apply for



- researching a new project



- making new work



- events



- workshops



- touring work



Developing your Creative Practice (DYCP)

ILL Abilities, Breakin Outwards tour Breakin
Convention, 2015

What can you apply for



- Time for research
- Time to create new work



- Travel
- Training



- Developing new ideas
- Networking or mentoring



- Making your work more sustainable

Which is the right fund for me?

Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP)

DYCP is for **you**, an **individual** to
develop

at an early to middle stage in your
practice...

to **develop** or make major change
right now
to give value to others later

- **£2,000 to £12,000**
- activities of **up to one year**
- up to **two deadlines** per year -
Round 24 closes tomorrow.
decisions in up to **10 weeks**

National Lottery Project Grants (NLPG)

NLPG are for **individuals and
organisations**

Doing projects that **benefit others**
to experience or take part in artistic
work, Museum focused work, or
Library related activity

- **£1,000 to £100,000**
- projects **up to three years**
- apply **all year** round
- Contact **Access Support** when
you have everything together
- Decisions in up to **8 weeks**
(or **14 weeks** if over **£30,000**)

Thank you

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Rifco Arts: Britain's Got Bhangra
Photo © David Fisher



Access Support



We want to make the funding application process accessible to **everyone**



If you're experiencing barriers to applying, we can help.



Support is also available for the delivery and reporting of your project (**personal access costs**).



Get in touch at arts council.org.uk/contact or
access@arts council.org.uk



Read our **Access Support information sheet**
arts council.org.uk/ProjectGrants/project-grants-information-sheets

Top tips

- **Think carefully and be realistic**
- **Think quality, not quantity and use plain language**
- **Really think about your team / partnerships**
- **Really think about the audience you plan to reach**
- **Tell us about what you hope to get out of it and how you will achieve this.**
- **Back up your statements with specific evidence / examples**
- **Ask a friend/colleague to read over your application**
- **Tell us about what you actually want to do and inspire us that it is worth funding.**